Cases against Government Orders/Acts

2776. SHRI S. MADHAWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Constitutional authorities and statutory authorities are filing cases in the courts against Government, questioning the Orders of the Central and State Governments and also the validity of the Acts passed by the Parliament; and

(b) what are the steps taken to avoid such litigations between the Government and the statutory authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Changing the form of addressing Judges in Courts

2777. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the form of addressing judges in various courts continues to be as it existed during British Rule in India;

(b) whether the term "My Lord" and "Your Honour" it is mandatory form of addressing a judge in a court;

(c) whether Government have any thinking towards such British day traditions including the Dress like gown, wig, headgear etc. that the judge are required to wear;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not introducing Indian ethos and culture in this sphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) The form of addressing Judges in various courts have evolved over the years between the Bar and the Bench and it would be appropriate that any change or reform should emanate from these sources.

Kanooni Sahayata aur Salah Board

2778. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Lakshya Se Bhatak Gaya Hai Kanooni Sayhayata aur Salah Board" which appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated 22nd February, 1995;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether similar boards have also been set up in different States; if so, the names of the States and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conciliation work undertaken by the Delhi Legal Aid & Advice Board being voluntary in nature, the Board cannot compel attendance of the parties. If the opposite party does not turn-up, no legal action can be taken against it except to file a case in the Court. It is the Court only which ultimately decides the matter and imparts justice.

As and when any complaint against Legal aid Panel Lawyer asking for money is received, the Board call for the comments of the concerned Lawyer and looks into it.

(c) Excepting the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards have been set up in various States.